

## **Sarah Bartlett - Personal Essay**

My name is Sarah Bartlett, I live in Grand Isle, Vermont and I am a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at South Burlington High School. I have two sisters, 3 dogs and 3 cats! I play soccer and basketball for the school teams and enjoy running and hiking with my dog, Tucker in my free time. I also enjoy cooking and am very passionate about healthy, clean eating. I have lived near Lake Champlain my entire life and have grown up loving water. Every summer we spend at least 2 weeks on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire in addition to spending time near, in and on Lake Champlain where I enjoy tubing, boating, swimming, paddleboarding and kayaking. I care greatly for the Earth and am passionate about keeping it clean and healthy.

Last year I went to San Diego, California and that grew my love for the ocean and water tremendously. We got to see the ocean everyday! We went to the USS Midway, both parks of the San Diego Zoo, a La Jolla Whale Watching Excursion and we saw the sea lions at La Jolla Cove. We also spent a day at Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. I loved every minute of it! I have also been to the ocean in a variety of places in Florida, Boston, MA, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, and the Philippines where I got to see a variety of aquariums and beaches, go snorkeling, parasail, and even swim with dolphins!

If I get this Adventure scholarship it will help me get to go to SEACAMP San Diego this summer and learn more about the ocean. SEACAMP is a marine science and oceanography camp located in San Diego, California. I want this scholarship so I get a chance to learn about and enjoy a subject that could potentially be my career.